



Sandy Hook Visitor Programs

Fall 2006

September

Plumming on Sandy Hook

Sandy Hook Visitor Center
Saturday, September 2 at 2 p.m.
Each fall the Lenape Indians would collect beach plums. Car caravan and walk with a ranger to discover why they are unique to the shore.

Beach Concert

On the Beach at Area E
Wednesday, September 6 at 6 p.m.
Wrap up the Sandy Hook Summer Beach Concert series with soul, R&B and rock by *Next Generation of Soul*. A weather cancellation call is made at 2 p.m. (732-291-7733). The Sandy Hook Foundation sponsors the series.

Lenape Nature Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center
Saturday, September 9 at 2 p.m.
Native Americans used plants, animals and other Sandy Hook resources to survive. Discover how they made use of nature's gifts on this ranger led walk.

Going Bunkers

Fort Hancock Museum
Sunday, September 10 at 2 p.m.
A 2-hour tour of fortifications that once defended New York Harbor. Bring a flashlight. Free, but reservations are needed. Call 732-872-5970.

Tribute in Light

North Beach Observation Deck
Monday, September 11, 7 to 10 p.m.
View the annual Ground Zero tribute to those who lost their lives on 9-11 from the vantage of North Beach.

Visit Gateway NRA on the web at:
www.nps.gov/gate

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Features exhibits, a bookstore and visit planning information in the historic Spermaceti Cove Life-Saving Station.

Sandy Hook Lighthouse & Keepers Quarters

Daily in September and October, 1 to 5 p.m. (Noon to 5 p.m. on weekends)
Weekends in November, Noon to 4:30 p.m.
Lighthouse tours throughout the afternoon. You must be 48 inches tall to climb the tower. The Keepers Quarters has exhibits on NJ Lighthouses. The adjacent Lighthouse Keepers Barn is always open with a video on the Sandy Hook Lighthouse.

Fort Hancock Museum

Weekends, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
The museum is in the former post guardhouse and has a bookstore and exhibits on Fort Hancock.

History House

Weekends, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
This 1898 lieutenant's residence along "Officers Row" is furnished to the 1940's, when Fort Hancock was at its busiest.

Sandy Hook Bird Observatory

Building 20, Fort Hancock's Officers Row
Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
The New Jersey Audubon Society field center with a bookshop and displays. Call 732-872-2500.

Battery Potter

Weekends in September and October, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Explore Sandy Hook's oldest gun battery.

Nike Missile Radar Site

Parking Area L at Horseshoe Cove
Saturdays, September 2 & 16 and October 7 & 21, 1 to 4 p.m.
Sundays, September 10 & 24 and October 15 & 29, 1 to 4 p.m.
The Sandy Hook Nike missile site was part of the air defenses around New York City from the 1950s through the 1970s. Tour the radar site where the supersonic Nike missiles were controlled and guided.

Birding for Beginners

Sandy Hook Visitor Center
Saturday, September 16 at 9 a.m.
Join a NJ Audubon Society naturalist for an introduction to the birds of Sandy Hook.

Holly Forest Ramble

Sandy Hook Visitor Center
Sunday, September 17 at 2 p.m.
A walk through Sandy Hook's 64-acre maritime holly forest with a ranger.

Families Investigate Science Hands-On (FISH)

NJ Marine Sciences Consortium,
Building 22, Fort Hancock
Hands-on learning is integrated into each of these 3-hour activities. Reservations required for these fee programs. Call 732-872-1300, ext. 30 or on the web: www.njmsc.org

School of Fish

Saturday, September 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Salt Marsh Investigation

Sunday, September 24 at 11 a.m.

Saturday, October 14 at 1 p.m.

On Sandy Shores

Saturday, September 16 at 11 a.m.

Saturday, September 30 at 1:30 p.m.

Lenape and the Jersey Shore

Saturday, September 30 at 11 a.m.

Incredible Crustaceans

Saturday, September 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Happiness is a Horseshoe Crab

Sunday, September 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Battery Gunnison Preserved

Sunday, September 17, 1 to 4 p.m.

The Army Ground Forces Association is a volunteer group who works on the restoration and interpretation of Battery Gunnison and its 6-inch guns. Visitors are invited to stop by on this work day to chat and learn more.

Cold War Day

Horseshoe Cove Parking Lot

Sunday, September 24, noon to 4 p.m.

Visit a Nike Missile radar site restored to the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis. See Cold War era military displays. Veterans of Fort Hancock welcome.

Junior Rangers

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Thursday, September 21 at 4 p.m.

An after-school program for ages 7 to 12. Walk a beach trail with a ranger and learn about the environment and our responsibility to maintain it. Free, but reservations are required. Call 732-872-5970.

Fall Equinox Shore Walk

Guardian Park at Fort Hancock

Thursday, September 21 at 7 p.m.

Join the American Littoral Society on a casual 2-mile walk to a natural habitat. Bring a flashlight. Call 732-291-0055 for reservations. Free.

Monarch Butterfly Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, September 30 at 2 p.m.

This remarkable insect whose migration route ends in Mexico is featured on a ranger led tour.

October

Harbor Lights

Twin Lights State Historic Site,
Highlands, NJ

Sunday, October 1 at 2 p.m.

Discover the lighthouses, lightships and buoys that help guide ships into New York Harbor. Bring binoculars. Free, but reservations are needed.

Call 732-872-1814 or e-mail:

Twin-lights@monmouth.com

Brookdale CC Moonwalk

Brookdale Community College

Ocean Institute

Fort Hancock, Building 53

Wednesday, October 4 at 6 p.m.

Reservations needed for this fee program. Call: 732-224-2435 or e-mail:

www.brookdalecc.edu/staff/sandyhook/index.html

Monmouth County Audubon Bird Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 a.m.

Enjoy fall migration as we search for waterfowl, and watch hawks and other birds moving south.

Monarch Butterfly Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Sunday, October 8 at 2 p.m.

This remarkable insect whose migration route ends in Mexico is featured on a ranger led tour.

New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge Weekend, 2006

Sandy Hook Lighthouse

Saturday and Sunday

October 14 & 15, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Sandy Hook Light is one of 11 New Jersey Lighthouses along the Atlantic coast and Delaware Bay open for tours this weekend at this annual event sponsored by the NJ Lighthouse Society. For more information visit the web: www.njlhs.org/challenge/challenge.html

Fall Birding at Sandy Hook

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Sunday, October 15 at 9 a.m.

Join a NJ Audubon Society naturalist during the peak of autumn migration.

Night Prowl

Sandy Hook Visitor Center

Friday, October 20 at 7 p.m.

Bring a flashlight on this night walk. Free, but reservations are required. Call 732-872-5970.

21st Annual Clean Ocean Action Fall Beach Sweep Beach Area E

Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m.

Help clean Sandy Hook beaches with hundreds of fellow volunteers and become the solution to pollution. Free. Call 732-872-0111 or email Education@cleanoceanaction.org.

Junior Rangers

Sandy Hook Visitor Center
Sunday, October 22 at 2 p.m.
See September 21 description.
Reservations required.
Call 732-872-5970.

Hallow-Marine

NJ Marine Sciences Consortium,
Fort Hancock, Building 22,
Saturday, October 28 at 5 p.m.
Join a "haunted" tour of Sandy Hook
complete with pirates and the ghosts
of Fort Hancock. Reservations
needed for this fee program. Call 732-
872-1300, x30 or on the web:
www.njmsc.org

Fort Hancock Day

Sunday, October 29, noon to 4 p.m.
Events mark the 1895 establishment
of Fort Hancock. Tours through
buildings not normally open to the
public will be offered. Talk with
living history re-enactors from the
Civil war through World War II
who will have military items on
display.

Battery Gunnison in World War II

Saturday & Sunday,
October 28 & 29, noon to 4 p.m.
Volunteer living historians from the
Army Ground Forces Association will
be uniformed as World War II era
coast artillery soldiers and
demonstrate how the guns of Battery
Gunnison were aimed and fired.

November

Brookdale CC Moonwalk

Brookdale Community College
Ocean Institute
Building 53, Fort Hancock
Wednesday, November 1 at 5:30 p.m.
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program. Call: 732-224-2435 or:
[www.brookdalecc.edu/staff/sandyhook/
index.html](http://www.brookdalecc.edu/staff/sandyhook/index.html)

Late Fall Bird Walk

Sandy Hook Visitor Center
Saturday, November 4 at 10 a.m.
Sparrows and raptors highlight a day
of fall migration at the Hook. Learn
about these birds with a naturalist
from the New Jersey Audubon
Society.

Snow Birds

Brookdale Community College
Ocean Institute
Fort Hancock, Building 53
Saturday, November 4 at 10 a.m.
Reservations needed for this fee
program. Call: 732-224-2435 or:
[www.brookdalecc.edu/staff/sandyhook/
index.html](http://www.brookdalecc.edu/staff/sandyhook/index.html)

Fort Hancock Slide Show

Monmouth Beach Cultural Center
Route 36, Monmouth Beach
Sunday, November 5 at 2 p.m.
This slide show, presented by our
Park Historian, will highlight why the
fort was built, its expansion over the
years, and what army life was like at a
military post from the 1890's to the
missile age.

Preserving Your Old Photographs & Papers

Monmouth Beach Cultural Center
Route 36, Monmouth Beach
Tuesday, November 7 at 7 p.m.
This workshop, by our Museum
Curator, shows how to properly
handle, store and preserve your old
papers, photographs and postcards.
If you have Sandy Hook items, bring
them with you.

Salt Marsh Walk

Horseshoe Cove Parking Area
Saturday, November 11 at 2 p.m.
Explore a wetland salt marsh along
Sandy Hook Bay.

Cold War Defenses on Sandy Hook

Meet at the Nike Ajax Missile
¼ mile north of the Ranger Station
Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m.
Car caravan to Sandy Hook's Nike
missile sites built as part of the Cold
War harbor defenses in the 1950s.

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Saturday, November 18 at 6 p.m.
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Call: 732-872-5970.

Holly Forest Ramble

Sandy Hook Visitor Center
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A walk through Sandy Hook's 64-acre
maritime holly forest.



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The National Park Service's partners in
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New Jersey Coastal Heritage Trail

Sandy Hook is a site on the New Jersey
Coastal Heritage Trail. The purpose of the
Trail is to provide for public appreciation,
education, understanding, and enjoyment
of significant natural and cultural sites in
the coastal area of New Jersey. For more
information call 856-447-0103 or visit:
www.nps.gov/neje